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1. A special commission recently inspected billets in Sofia for one thousand Soviet officers who are expected to arrive shortly. Many officers of the Bulgarian Frontier Police are also expected. It is believed that these Bulgarian officers are being replaced by Soviets because they are unable to stop emigres or infiltrations. Troop concentrations are continuing along the Yugoslav frontier.

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2. All the individuals that are not essential to the economy are called to military training. Bulgarian garrison troops are preparing for large maneuvers in their summer camps.

3. a pontoon bridge connects the Bulgarian bank of the Danube with Giurgiu in Rumania. It is not known whether this bridge is to be used for maneuvers or for an eventual Soviet troop entry into Bulgaria.

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4. Significant progress has been made in the construction under Soviet supervision of a plant at the Buhovo uranium mine near Sofia. Bulgarian and Soviet troops are employed at the Buhovo mine. The ore at this mine is found in crystal form and has from 4 to 12 percent uranium content. The ore from this mine is immediately shipped to the USSR.

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